

## ARMY DEFICIENCIES EXPOSED BY SENATE PROBE; BAKER IS BLAMED FOR ARMS SHORTAGE

President Wilson Welcomes Investigation as Showing True Spirit of Democracy—Rifle Production Falls Off 50 Per Cent—Crozier Grilled By Questioners

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—President Wilson welcomes the probe of his conduct of the war, it was stated at the White House this afternoon. In the senate's military investigation and the inquiry into naval affairs decided upon by the house, the president thinks a true spirit of democracy lies. That the administration is democratic in fact as well as in name and is glad to give the public an insight into war affairs, was stated to be the president's position.

A house sub-committee to investigate thoroughly the conduct of the war by the navy was created by the naval committee today in executive session. Hearings will be arranged soon. Secretary Daniels, bureau chiefs and officers who have been on duty abroad will be called.

Excitement ran high in official government circles today following the charges of Major General William Crozier, chief of ordnance, placing responsibility for the shortage in machine guns upon the secretary of war. Announcement was made this morning that statements regarding the prospective delivery of rifles, considered confidential by the war department, and other matters have been given out by General Crozier at an executive session of the senate committee's inquiry into the alleged delays in supplying the United States war army.

A reply to Crozier's statements was made last night by Newton D. Baker, secretary of war. Although not attempting to excuse entirely the delays that have occurred, Secretary Baker gave assurance that the situation is much improved.

The renomination of General Crozier as chief of ordnance will probably not be confirmed by the senate until the probe into the affairs of the war department is completed.

A spectacular climax was reached in yesterday's proceedings when General Crozier placed the blame for alleged delays upon Secretary Baker. The charges were made in the following manner:

General Crozier: "I am not satisfied myself."

Senator Chamberlain: "Who is responsible?"

General Crozier: "The secretary of war. The responsibility is with him. It had to be upon someone, and he is responsible for the machine gun tests. The program was not that of the ordnance department."

Admits Responsibility.  
Secretary Baker declared late yesterday that the supply of small arms, machine guns, machine rifles and cannon will be adequate for the use of the men by the time they reach France. He also intimated that adequate supplies will be forthcoming for training camps.

"I have not seen General Crozier's testimony," he said. "Therefore I cannot discuss it. It is perfectly true, however, that I am responsible for everything that goes on in the war department. It is also true that I have taken a particular personal interest in the plans for machine guns."

"I will say this, that every manufacturing facility in the United States capable of making machine guns is now turning them out at its full capacity. We are turning out as many types as we can, and in a number as large as possible."

Baker was asked whether this capacity was sufficient to meet the requirements of the army. He did not answer this question, but said:

"The facilities are being rapidly increased."

"Heated" Exchanges.  
General Crozier's examination today went further into details of the rifle and machine gun situations. Several senators sharply questioned him in what were described as "somewhat heated" exchanges. Some of the members were said to be inclined to attribute to General Crozier himself responsibility for the reduction of 50 per cent in rifle production of private plants due to the change in type.

Failure to use appropriations for the purpose intended was developed from General Crozier. In particular an appropriation of \$5,000,000 made in August, 1916, for small arms and intended by congress for rifles, General Crozier said was used for pistols, some at high royalties from private contracts.

General Crozier reiterated that rifle production will increase so that no American troops sent abroad will be without surplus arms and that soon there will be ample for training purposes.

### CITY ATTORNEY FAVORS EARLY TRIAL FOR HAYES

That arrangements can be made to bring the case of H. Homer Hayes, charged with the performance of a criminal operation, to trial on Wednesday, Jan. 2, is the opinion expressed by City Attorney Arthur M. Brown.

A motion to set the case for trial next Wednesday has been filed by the attorneys for Doctor Hayes, who declare that they want a speedy trial. "As far as I know, there is no reason why the case should not go to trial on that day," adds Attorney Brown.

The jury for the Hayes case will probably be drawn from the present panel, as the new criminal jury does not come in until Jan. 15. After Jan. 1 there will be funds available for conducting jury trials.

It was reported today that, on the first of the year, there will be no assignment of the work of the three circuit courts.

### POSTED AS DESERTER

Pvt. James T. McKee, Quartermaster Corps, is listed in army records as a deserter, having left Schofield Barracks on December 11. McKee's former home was Hartford, Connecticut, his native city. He is 28 years of age, has blue eyes, light brown hair, weighs 170 pounds and is 5 feet and 11½ inches in height.

## POLISH JEWS IN TERRIBLE STRAIT; RELIEF IS ASKED

An appeal to the people of Honolulu to give money to aid the Jews in Poland and Lithuania is being made by A. Gartenberg, representative here of the American Jewish relief committee. He has already raised \$300 in Honolulu, but the need for further help, he says, is urgent as thousands of Jews are starving and perishing from cold.

An idea of the condition which prevails there is contained in a cablegram received by Robert Lansing, secretary of state, from The Hague and which he forwarded to the committee. The message says:

"For God's sake raise all the money you can. Conditions in Poland and Lithuania are indescribable. Over a million people are perishing from hunger and the death rate is 10 per cent. The soup kitchens and asylums for the care of the aged and children have been forced to close because of lack of funds. An unexampled catastrophe faces the Polish Jews and America is practically the sole place where help may be obtained."

Another message giving further description of the conditions there says that the children look like skeletons and of the 30,000 in Warsaw alone only 21,000 are in homes and the rest are begging on the streets. Since winter started 33,000 people have died from tuberculosis.

Among those in Honolulu who have made donations are J. Steiner, \$225; J. Rubenstein, \$100; P. Muhlendorf, \$100; M. Drasse, \$25; George P. Castle, \$50; H. Thompson, \$5; E. G. Duisenberg, \$5; Albert E. Lloyd, \$20; Joseph Andrade, \$5; Leon M. Strauss, \$5; J. Bowler, \$10; J. C. Cohen, \$25; C. W. Spitz, \$50; W. H. McInerney, \$20; J. D. McInerney, \$10; A. J. Campbell, \$10; Mrs. P. Beck, \$5; Julius Unger, \$10; A. Gartenberg, \$125; C. J. Falk, \$50; A. Weil, \$10, and Mrs. Caroline Westervelt, \$25.

## ROTARIANS PLAY SANTA CLAUS AT MANY YOUNGSTERS

Santa Claus visited the Kaukaleoni Children's Hospital today, escorted by several score Rotarians.

Following the custom inaugurated at Christmas time last year the Rotary Club played Santa to the little "shut-ins" of this useful institution. The club shortened its weekly lunch hour by one-half and at 12:30 motored to the Children's Hospital, every member laden with gifts of the kind to delight the souls of youngsters—toys, candy, gay-colored balloons, dolls, picture books and a hundred other things. Harry B. Abiley, chairman of the committee in charge, saw to it that not a child was forgotten, and there were plenty of gifts to go round more than once.

Miss Janet Dewar, superintendent of the hospital, received the visitors and there ensued a merry hour while the Rotarians were enjoying the children's Christmas as much as the youngsters themselves enjoyed it.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL

An opinion handed down by the supreme court Wednesday sustains the circuit judge on Hawaii in dismissing the complaint in the case of Sung So Lim against T. Miyachi et al, an action to set aside a bill of sale.

Manuel Candido was granted a building permit by the building inspector's office this morning to erect two bungalows on the walkie side of Puowaina Drive, near Madeira street, to cost \$1050 each.

Preparations for the dance to be given on Friday evening at the Outrigger club by the marines and sailors from Pearl Harbor, are progressing satisfactorily. The dance is under the chaperonage of the Women's Auxiliary of the Outrigger Club, and those members who are expecting to attend are requested to notify Mrs. J. A. Gilman.

How much should each Ad Club member give is the question that is puzzling the committee appointed by the club to raise the fund to maintain the Ad Club bed in Leahi Hotel. The club feels that even though it is war time and it has many calls for assistance this bed should be maintained. The question which the committee is unable to decide is how much each member should give towards the worthy cause.

K. Yamada, a Japanese musician who is making a name for himself as an original composer, will pass through Honolulu shortly on his way to the mainland. Yamada has studied in Berlin and has several noted compositions to his credit. On the occasion of the ascension of the present emperor of Japan he composed an overture and presented it with an orchestra of seventy instruments, and a choir of sixty voices. During his stay in Honolulu he will be the guest of Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Westervelt.

### RECEPTION FOR FAMOUS JAPANESE TOMORROW

A reception in honor of K. Yamada, famous Japanese musician who is to pass through here on his way from the Orient, will be held tomorrow at 2:30 o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Westervelt.

She—I thought you told me your friend had very little to say.  
He—So I did.  
She—Why he hasn't stopped talking since he came here an hour ago.  
He—That may be, but he hasn't said anything.—Boston Transcript.

## WOMEN FOODERS TO TAKE STUMP FOR ECONOMY

Two important steps toward more complete organization have been taken by the women's committee of the territorial food commission. One is the organization of the "Four-Minute Speakers" and the other a plan to appoint special representatives in each district in Honolulu and on Oahu to carry out the women's committee general program.

The "Four-Minute Speakers" will be an organization similar in purpose to the "Four-Minute Speakers" of Honolulu, and it is planned to have a woman deliver a few-minute talk at every meeting of every woman's organization of Honolulu. Mrs. A. C. Alexander, chairman of the women's committee, says it is hoped to keep this organization in existence during the period of the war.

The following tentative list of speakers has been furnished the women's committee by the Honolulu College Club Branch, Association of Collegiate Alumnae:

Mrs. C. T. Fitts, Mrs. I. J. Shepherd, Mrs. L. C. Howland, Mrs. R. D. Williams, Mrs. W. C. Hobdy, Mrs. Carl Andrews, Mrs. H. L. Lyon, Mrs. Isaac Cox, Mrs. A. Lewis, Jr., Mrs. W. J. Forbes and Mrs. A. L. Andrews.

While none of the above women have been asked to give their services, Mrs. Alexander expresses herself as being sure that all will serve.

As regards the other plan, the idea is to appoint special agents of the women's committee to serve in the various districts of Honolulu and on Oahu, the purpose being to bring the women of the city and island into closer touch with the work now being carried on by the committee. The following tentative list of district leaders has been drawn up by the committee:

Mrs. F. E. Steere, Manoa; Mrs. J. F. G. Stokes, Kaimuki; Mrs. Carl Andrews, Nuuanu; Mrs. James A. Rath, Kalia; Mrs. A. Gartenberg, Waikiki; Mrs. J. W. Caum, Makiki; Mrs. W. G. Ogg, town; Mrs. Mural and Miss Tanaka, Japanese; Mrs. Doane, Chinese; Mrs. B. Oliveira, Portuguese; Mrs. May Wilcox, Hawaiian.

Mrs. James Glibb, Alea; Mrs. Herbert Dowsett, Peninsula and Pearl City; Mrs. George Renton, Ewa; Mrs. W. W. Goodale, Waiwala; Mrs. R. T. Christoffersen, Kahuku and Lale; Mrs. A. L. Castle, Koolau.

## GERMAN POSTMAN IS EXONERATED

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patron of the mail service in Kaimuki and with the assertion that he has served as distributor of Fatherland and other pro-German propaganda.

"Kelle apparently has been guilty of extremely ill-advised and loose talk," Postmaster MacAdam said. "Considering this alone his dismissal would be warranted. He was a subscriber to Fatherland at one time, but has stopped this paper for some months. He states he has not been a distributor of Fatherland or any other pro-German papers."

Believes Him Loyal

"The main point is that I believe Kelle loyal though born in Germany and though, as I am informed, his brothers and other relatives are fighting in the German army. Loyal Americans of German birth, in my opinion, should be treated in American communities, not pointed out of their livelihoods."

Here is the part of Kelle's written statement replying to the charge of disloyalty:

"I am in this country about 35 years and don't know anything about Germany and in 1900 became a United States citizen of my own free choice, have taken the oath to defend the Stars and Stripes with my life and I am ready today and any time to do my duty as a citizen, not only as a mail carrier, but also to give my last drop of blood to defend the United States, not Germany."

"This rings true clear to its unique punctuation. I challenge the Four-Minute Men to beat it," said Mr. MacAdam.

"Kelle's statement shows further that he believes an early peace will come because 'the German people will form a democratic government.' It was upon a prediction made by him of peace this winter that the charges of giving utterance to a disloyal statement was based. He insists he meant that the German people will bring about a change of their government that will enable President Wilson to negotiate peace with them."

"Kelle has been a carrier employed at the Honolulu post office since 1901, and has rendered the government efficient service throughout these seven years."

### COLBURN EXCEPTS TO REPORT OF C. S. DAVIS

J. F. Colburn, trustee of the estate of David and Helen Kawanakoa, minors, has filed in circuit court exceptions to the report of C. S. Davis, master of the second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth annual accounts, in which the latter alleges, among other things, a deficiency of several thousand dollars with which, he claims, the trustee also asked that the trustee be dismissed and that another, preferably a trust company, be appointed. Colburn characterizes Davis' report as "scandalous, impertinent and improper."

According to Petrograd newspapers Prince Trubetsky, the head of the diplomatic department at Russian general headquarters, is to be appointed ambassador in Rome. M. Giers, who is the present holder of the latter post, is to take charge of the embassy in London.

## STEAMER BUMPS PILE; DELAYED IN DEPARTURE

As an Australian steamer in port was backing out from Pier 7 this morning her propeller, which was going full speed astern, struck a 12-foot pile and caused the steamer to be delayed in her departure from Honolulu.

An inter-island diver was sent down to investigate the damage to the propeller, and he reported that it appeared only to be scratched. Later today a survey is to be made of the engines of the steamer by the federal inspector of hulls and boilers to ascertain if the collision with the pile caused any other damage.

It is presumed the pile was one which had become sunk in the mud of the harbor and which was sucked up by the revolutions of the propeller.

This is the second time the sailing of the vessel has been delayed, as the steamer had to wait in port all day yesterday while a cook was found. The former cook of the ship was kicked in the jaw on Christmas Eve and so seriously injured he had to be taken to the hospital.

### PROPERTY OWNERS DELAY TAXES PENDING OUTCOME OF M'CANDLESS SUIT

Property holders of eleven lots on Beretania street between Alapai and Punahoa streets are delinquent in the payment of the installments due on the assessments for improvements and it is presumed that they are withholding their money until such time as the L. L. McCandless injunction suit against assessments being levied on his property is settled. The McCandless property is situated on Beretania street but not in the same section of the street as where the eleven lots which are delinquent.

On the eleven lots a little more than \$5000 is delinquent and the owners are evidently working under the assumption that for their delinquency they are being penalized 1 per cent per month for the monthly installments due whereas according to the explanation given this morning by the city and county attorney's office the delinquent property owners are assessed at the rate of 1 per cent on the total unpaid amount. The McCandless case is now in the hands of Judge F. B. Kemp, who has it under advisement.

### MORE OFFICERS ARE ORDERED TO STATES

Two more officers of the Hawaiian department—Capt. Bert Herbst, quartermaster corps, and Capt. William C. Pommer, sanitary corps—received orders today to sail for the mainland.

First Lieut. William Ernest Kramer and First Lieut. Ephraim Bassler, both medical reserve officers, have been promoted to captains, according to cable advices at headquarters.

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Dated, Honolulu, Hawaii, December 20, 1917.

CHARLES A. STOBIE, Executor of the last will and testament of Eliza McCarroll Stobie, deceased.

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### Y. M. C. A. OPEN HOUSE WILL BOOST WAR WORK

Food conservation methods and Red Cross work will be fully explained at the Y. M. C. A. open house on New Year's night. These two new features were announced by the committee in charge of arrangements today.

Arrangements have been made to show the food conservation program, and a member of the committee will be on hand throughout the evening to explain the work. A. L. Castle has arranged to have a booth which will show the Red Cross kit and what it contains. Posters showing the campaign work will also be exhibited. An effort is being made to secure a number of war relics for the occasion, such as guns and helmets. The committee has arranged to have the entire equipment of a soldier on hand on New Year's night. Rev. A. W. Palmer will have charge of the Y. M. C. A. booth, showing the work that has been done for the boys at the front. A rifle range will be stationed in the bowling alleys for those who wish to aim at the Kaiser, and as an added feature the dramatists will present "Getting the Kaiser's Goat."

Andrew Carnegie was once asked which he considered to be the most important factor in industry—labor, capital or brains? The canny Scot replied, with a merry twinkle in his eye: "Which is the most important leg on a three-legged stool?"—Christian Register.

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